

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Richard J. Griffin, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, and Joseph Thompson, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, William P. Greene, Jr., of West Virginia, to be an Associate Judge of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals, and Espiridion A. Borrego, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 976, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgement in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Kevin Gover, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2795–2812; 1 private bill, H.R. 2813; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 301, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on November 3, H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 105–164 Part 3);

H.R. 2675, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit proposed legislation under which group universal life insurance and group variable universal life insurance would be available under chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 105–373);

H.R. 1836, amended, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to improve administration of sanctions against unfit health care providers under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, amended (H. Rept. 105–374);

H.R. 2709, to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles, amended (H. Rept. 105–375);

H.R. 2534, to reform, extend, and repeal certain agricultural research, extension, and education programs, amended (H. Rept. 105–376);

H.R. 799, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Hells Canyon Wilderness in the States of Oregon and Idaho to exclude an established Forest Service road inadvertently included in the wilderness (H. Rept. 105–377);

H.R. 838, to require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

that allows appropriate use of motorized and non-motorized river craft in the recreation area (H. Rept. 105–378);

H. Res. 302, providing for consideration of nine measures relating to the policy of the United States with respect to the People's Republic of China (H. Rept. 105–379); and

H. Res. 303, providing for consideration of H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service (H. Rept. 105–380).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Snowbarger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon.

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Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed H.R. 2732, for the relief of John Andre Chalot and H.R. 2731, for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser.

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Funeral Committee: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 286, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members of the House to the Committee to Attend the Funeral of the late Walter H. Capps: Representatives Dellums, Gephardt, Fazio of California, Brown of California, Stark, Miller of California, Waxman, Dixon, Lewis of California, Matsui, Thomas, Dreier, Hunter, Lantos, Martinez, Berman, Packard, Torres, Gallegly, Herger, Pelosi, Cox of California, Rohrabacher, Condit, Cunningham, Dooley of California, Doolittle, Waters, Becerra, Calvert, Eshoo, Filner, Harman, Horn, Kim, McKeon, Pombo, Roybal-Allard, Royce, Woolsey, Farr of California, Riggs, Bilbray, Bono, Lofgren, Radanovich, Campbell, Millender-

McDonald, Rogan, Sherman, Sanchez, Tauscher, Sensenbrenner, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Jackson of Illinois, Johnson of Wisconsin, and Christian-Green.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President that were transmitted to the Clerk:

Transportation Appropriations Line Item Veto: Message wherein he, in accordance with the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130), cancels the dollar amounts of discretionary budget authority contained in the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105-66; H.R. 2169)—referred to the Committees on the Budget and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-168);

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VA and HUD Appropriations Line Item Veto: Message wherein he, in accordance with the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130), cancels the dollar amounts of discretionary budget authority contained in the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105-65; H.R. 2158)—referred to the Committees on the Budget and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-167);

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National Emergency Re Sudan: Message wherein he declares that the policies of the Government of Sudan constitute a threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States and declares a national emergency to deal with the threat—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-166).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Distribution of Phonorecords Re Copyright Law: Concurred in Senate amendments to H.R. 672, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code—clearing the measure for the President;

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Electronic Theft of Copyrighted Works: H.R. 2265, amended, to amend the provisions of titles 17 and 18, United States Code, to provide greater copyright protection by amending criminal copyright infringement provisions;

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Identification of Illegal Aliens in Local Prisons: H.R. 1493, amended, to require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States (passed by a ye and nay vote of 410 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 571);

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Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact: H.J. Res. 91, amended, granting the consent of Congress to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact;

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Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact: H.J. Res. 92, amended, granting the consent of Congress to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact;

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Commercial Space Act: H.R. 1702, amended, to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States;

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Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer Protection: H.R. 1839, amended, to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, non-repairable, and rebuilt vehicles (passed by a ye and nay vote of 336 yeas to 72 nays, Roll No. 572);

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Federal Employees Health Care Protection: H.R. 1836, amended, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to improve administration of sanctions against unfit health care providers under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program;

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Federal Employees Life Insurance Improvement: H.R. 2675, amended, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit proposed legislation under which group universal life insurance and group variable universal life insurance would be available under chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code;

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Transfer of Surplus Property From Military Bases: H.R. 404, amended, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to State and local governments of certain surplus property for use for law enforcement or public safety purposes. Agreed to amend the title;

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Carson and Santa Fe National Forests Land Conveyance: H.R. 434, amended, to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico;

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Expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness: S. 588, to provide for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within the Arapaho National Forest and the White River National Forest, Colorado, to include land known as the Slate Creek Addition—clearing the measure for the President;

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Raggeds Wilderness Boundary Adjustment and Land Conveyance: S. 589, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest,

Colorado, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys—clearing the measure for the President;

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Transfer of the Dillon Ranger District, Colorado: S. 591, to transfer the Dillon Ranger District in the Arapaho National Forest to the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado—clearing the measure for the President;

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Hinsdale County, Colorado Land Exchange: S. 587, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hinsdale County, Colorado (passed by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 572) —clearing the measure for the President;

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Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center: S. 931, to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center—clearing the measure for the President;

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Volunteers for Wildlife Act: H.R. 1856, amended, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a volunteer pilot project at one national wildlife refuge in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region; and

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Distribution of Judgment Funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians: H.R. 1604, amended, to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan pursuant to dockets numbered 18–E, 58, 364, and 18–R before the Indian Claims Commission.

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Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

U.S.-Caribbean Trade Partnership Act: H.R. 2644, to provide to beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act benefits equivalent to those provided under the North American Free Trade Agreement (failed to pass by a ye and nay vote of 182 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 570); and

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Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians: H.R. 948, to reaffirm and clarify the Federal relationship of the Burt Lake Band as a distinct federally recognized Indian Tribe (failed to pass by a ye and nay vote of 240 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 574; 2/3 required to pass).

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HELP Scholarships Act: By a ye and nay vote of 191 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 569, the House failed to pass H.R. 2746, to amend title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to

give parents with low-incomes the opportunity to choose the appropriate school for their children.

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By a ye and nay vote of 203 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 568, rejected the Etheridge motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on education and the Workforce with instructions to hold a full, open, and fair hearing and markup on the bill before reporting it to the full House for consideration.

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The House agreed to H.Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2746 and H.R. 2616 on October 31.

Pages H9814–32

Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997: The House completed general debate on H.R. 2616, to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools.

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Agreed to the Riggs amendment, as modified, that makes technical and clarifying changes relating to best practices of charter schools and the Federal formula allocation during the first year and for successive enrollment expansions.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9867.

Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H9994.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9964, H9964–65, H9965–66, H9966, H9984, H9985, and H9985–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BANKING AND THE YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Millennium Bug: Banking and the Year 2000 computer problem. Testimony was heard from Edward W. Kelley, Jr., member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury and Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council; and public witnesses.

EPA REGULATORY REINVENTION EFFORTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Federal-State Relationship: A Look into EPA Regulatory Reinvention Efforts. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues,